

RESOLUTION NO. 14-926

WHEREAS, the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, are apprised of the Pastor Installation and Banquet Service for Elder Marcus Lanier of Christ Temple Apostolic Worship Center on Saturday, December 6, 2014, at noon at the Bob Harrison Senior Wellness and Advocacy Center; and,

WHEREAS, Elder Marcus Keith Lanier began his walk with Christ at the age of twelve years old under the leadership of Bishop Wesley Harris of Governors Drive Church of God in Christ in Huntsville, Alabama. At the age of sixteen, Elder Lanier was the first Junior Layman President under the leadership of Lois Fredrick Lacey of Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Huntsville. He began attending Union Chapel after the passing of his grandmother, Vivan Bellmon, who had raised him; and,

WHEREAS, after graduation from high school in 1983, he married the love of his life and high school sweetheart Annette Jordan, a match truly made in heaven. Soon afterwards he enlisted in the United States Army. Elder Lanier and First Lady Annette Jordan Lanier started a family by adding four beautiful children: A handsome son, Adrian, and three beautiful daughters, Tameisha, Sharonda and Dashonda; and

WHEREAS, while serving in the Army, he received the baptism of the Holy Ghost in April 1988 under the leadership of Elder Willie L. Tate of Christ Gospel Holiness Church in Killeen, Texas. After being dedicated, faithful and working diligently in the ministry, he was ordained as a Deacon under the leadership of Elder Mac Thomas of Christ Gospel Church in Killeen, Texas. He later felt the call of God on his life, and began his ministry in 1991. He was later deployed to Camp Casey, Korea where God used him in a mighty way. He was licensed to minister by Bishop Larry L. Shaw and Bishop Carlos Moody of the Church of God in Christ; and,

WHEREAS, in 1993, he was ordained an Elder by Apostle Allen VanHorn of Rivers of Living Waters Apostolic Church in Camp Hovey, Korea. After two tours of duty in Korea, he became youth minister of the Church of God in Christ under the leadership of Elder Norwood in Hinesville, Georgia in 1995; and,

WHEREAS, after returning to the United States in 1999, he knew God had a plan for his life and continued to seek God's will. He became a Youth Minister in 2011 under the leadership of Pastor Ava Farr of Joy Cometh Ministries in Huntsville, Alabama, where he traveled home every weekend to attend church and work with the Youth Department. He received another letter of recognition as an Elder from Pastor Farr; and,

WHEREAS, while being stationed in Columbus, Georgia from 2011-2013, Elder Lanier began attending bible study at My Father's House under the leadership of Bishop Kevin J. Legette, Sr. After much prayer and seeking God's will, he felt the call to pastor, and was confirmed by Bishop Legette, his spiritual instructor and under whose spiritual umbrella he falls. He accepted the call to pastor and retired from the military in 2013 after thirty years of service. God began to take him to a higher level in September 2013 as he began to pastor Christ Temple Apostolic Worship Center in Huntsville, Alabama.

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, that we congratulate Elder Marcus Lanier on his installation as Pastor of Christ Temple Apostolic Worship Center. We extend our prayers for our heavenly Father's guidance and leadership as you continue on the path which He has set for you.

ADOPTED this the 4th day of December, 2014.

President of the City Council of
the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 4th day of December, 2014.

Mayor of the City of Huntsville,
Alabama